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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Henry D. Owen
Chairman, Policy Planning Council
Department of State

SUBJECT : Iran National Policy Paper

1. Part One of the National Policy Paper on Iran has been reviewed at various stages by the Central Intelligence Agency. We have no significant disagreements with the intelligence judgments contained in the policy paper.

2. While I endorse those provisions in the paper which have a bearing on US intelligence activities, I have no comment to make on the broader aspects of US policy toward Iran, these being outside the competence of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of Central Intelligence.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

CONCUR:

30 SEP 1966

Deputy Director for Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Iran National Policy Paper

1. Please sign and forward the attached letter to the Chairman of the Policy Planning Council, Department of State indicating Agency approval of Part One of the National Policy Paper on Iran (Basic).

2. The paper has been reviewed within the Agency through several drafting stages and has undergone a final review by the Directorate of Intelligence, the Clandestine Services, and the Office of National Estimates. There are no significant disagreements with the intelligence judgments in Part One of the paper, and the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates agrees that it is substantially consistent with NIE 34-66, "Iran," dated 24 March 1966, and with [REDACTED]

3. The policy paper advises that the US Government should accept, and indeed foster, the development of a new relationship between Iran and the United States [REDACTED]

The paper recognizes that, while the US is not committed to any particular form of government in Iran, the Shah remains for the foreseeable future the keystone of Iran's political structure and, as such, should be supported. At the same time, the paper argues that it is in the US interest to encourage cautiously Iran's political evolution toward broader-based and more effective government, better able to resist internal insurgency.

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4. I recommend that you concur in Part One of the paper by signing the attached memorandum and forwarding it to the Chairman, Policy Planning Council, Department of State.

/s/ R. J. Smith

R. J. SMITH
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments

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